

PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No.: 10/765,033	Group Art Unit: 2852			
Filed: January 28, 2004	:)			
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND REPLENISHING DEVELOPER KIT	:) July 21, 2004 :)			

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, including a modified abstract, which is dated June 18, 2004. Except as indicated herein, copies of the cited documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has <u>not</u> been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with

this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of

this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2001-265088 and 2002-328493, which are

identified in the Search Report, were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement

filed on April 6, 2004. Therefore, these patent documents are not listed on the enclosed

citation form. However, corresponding Japanese Patent Abstracts of Japan are listed and

copies of these documents also are enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that

an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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